

The Cabinet will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2005** at **1.45 P.M.**

The agenda will be :

1. General

(1) Apologies for absence.

(2) Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Members are reminded that they should disclose the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2005 and Matters Arising. (For exempt items see later on the agenda).

(4) Requests for Discussion of En Bloc Items.

PART A - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (WHITE PAPERS)

2. Completion of the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA2) 2006-2009

The report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report updates the Cabinet on recent work undertaken in relation to LPSA2 and presents for adoption by the Cabinet the latest version of the final LPSA2 agreement. The report explains that work in relation to LPSA2, whilst at an advanced stage, is not fully complete at the time of preparing this report for circulation and that it will be necessary for a detailed verbal update to be given to Cabinet together with final version of the Agreement, responsibility for the preparation of which rests with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

The recommendations, if adopted, give delegated authority to the Chief Executive to complete all necessary further work that may be required to finalise matters by the end of December 2005.

Recommendations:

A. In the event of negotiations with central government being concluded by 8th

December 2005:

1. That Cabinet supports and adopts the Local Public Service Agreement 2 (LPSA2) 2006-2009 on behalf of the County Council
2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Chief Executive to finalise and enter into LPSA2 on behalf of the County Council
3. That Cabinet supports the principles set out in the report relating to the use of the Performance Reward Grant accruing to the Council under LPSA2.
4. That Cabinet notes the strong element of partnership work involved with LPSA2 and the close linkages that exists between LPSA2, the Warwickshire Strategic Partnership and Plan and the development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement.

B. Alternatively in the event of negotiations with central government not being

concluded by 8th December 2005:

1. That the Chief Executive is requested to continue negotiations with central government on behalf of the County Council in order to finalise the LPSA2 Agreement and that a further report will be made to Cabinet.
2. That Cabinet supports the principles set out in the Report relating to the use of the Performance Reward Grant accruing to the Council under LPSA2.

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3. 2005/06 Capital Programme – Supplementary Bids

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

This report outlines the additional £2 million of capital resources required in the current year to meet significant pressures on the Department's highways maintenance budget. Cabinet is requested to endorse the support for this proposal agreed at the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8th November.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

- (1) Recommends to Council that £2 million additional capital resources are approved and added to the 2005/06 Capital Programme for the Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy Department (PTES) to meet the budget pressures outlined in Section 2 of the report funded by additional borrowing.
- (2) Agrees that any interest costs incurred in 2005/06 are met from the underspend in Other Services reported to Cabinet as part of Quarter 2 Budget monitoring on 17th November 2005.
- (3) Recommends to Council that £180,000 to meet the on-going costs of financing the additional £2 million borrowing is included in the 2006/07 budget resolution.

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4. Public Consultation on 2006/2007 Budget and Council Tax: Process

The report of the County Treasurer.

The report seeks Members' approval to the planned public consultation on the 2006/2007 Budget and Council Tax. It was been considered by Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29th November 2005.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet approve the content of the report and its proposals regarding the process for the public consultation on the 2006/2007 Budget and Council Tax.

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Tel: 01926 412860, e-mail: andrewfilby@warwickshire.gov.uk or: David Clarke, County Treasurer. Tel: 01926 412003, e-mail: davidclarketr@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Record of Performance Assessment for Social Care 2005

The report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

The report provides a summary of the Commission for Social Care Inspection's evaluation and judgement of Warwickshire County Council's Adult Social Services.

Recommendations

- (1) That Cabinet note the Commission for Social Care Inspection's judgement that social care services in Warwickshire are serving some adults well and the Council's capacity to improve these services is uncertain.
- (2) That Cabinet endorse the use of the Audit Commission tools to improve data quality and enhance future performance management

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6. Central Warwickshire and Southam: Area Review of Education and Training for Young People aged 14-19

The report of the County Education Officer.

This report asks the Cabinet to comment on the proposed Action Plan drawn up in response to the Area Review of 14-19 Provision jointly commissioned by the Authority and the Local Learning and Skills Council.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Cabinet consider and comment on the Action Plan prepared jointly by the Local Learning & Skills Council and the County Council in response to the Area Review of 14-19 Provision.
- (2) That the comments of the Cabinet and those of the Warwick Area Committee on the Action Plan be forwarded to the Local Learning & Skills Council.

For further information please contact: Lynne Upton, General Inspector, 14-19 Development. Tel: 01926 412387, e-mail:

lynneupton@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Voluntary Sector Consortium Resource Building, Nuneaton and Bedworth

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

Local member - Councillor Robert Hicks

Members are asked to reaffirm their support for the Voluntary Sector Consortium project and to approve the granting of a loan to the VSC of £500,000, subject to full Council giving its approval and to suitable terms and safeguards being agreed by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy and Acting Director of Property Services.

Recommendation

Cabinet is recommended to request Council to approve a loan to the VSC of £500,000, subject to suitable terms and safeguards being agreed by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy and the Acting Director of Property Services, and to add this to the Capital Programme.

For further information please contact: Mandy Walker, Regeneration Zone Manager. Tel: 01926 412843, e-mail: mandywalker@warwickshire.gov.uk

PART B - ITEMS FOR EN BLOC DECISIONS (YELLOW PAPERS)

8. Fire and Rescue Authority Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) – Improvement Plan

The report of the County Fire Officer.

The report details Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority's CPA Improvement Plan following the 2005 assessment by the Audit Commission. The Improvement Plan was endorsed at the round-table discussion meeting on 7th October 2005.

Recommendation

For Members to note the report and approve Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority's CPA Improvement Plan.

For further information please contact: Balbir Singh, Policy and Planning Officer
Tel: 01926423231, e-mail: balbirsingh@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Extended Schools

The report of the County Education Officer.

Following consideration of the half-year composite report 2005/06 at the meeting of Cabinet on 17th November, a report was requested summarising the latest developments in the DfES strategy for Extended Schools and progress made in developing Warwickshire's strategy.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Cabinet notes:
 - (a) the emergent national framework and targets for extended school provision
 - (b) the further development of a Warwickshire strategy for Extended Schools
 - (c) the underlying issues revealed by this developing agenda.

- (2) That Cabinet supports the general direction of travel for the development of schools with extended services in Warwickshire.

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10. Consultation Paper on Changes to the Recycling Credit Scheme

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The report discusses and proposes a response to the consultation on changes to the recycling credits scheme.

Recommendation

That the response detailed in Appendix A is sent to Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on the proposed changes to the recycling credits scheme.

For further information please contact: Roy Burton, Waste Management
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11. Additional AWM Capital for Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods Initiative

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods Initiative has recently been successful in securing an additional £785,000 external capital funding from

Advantage West Midlands to be spent in this and the next financial year. The report seeks Cabinet approval to add £385,000 to the BSN Capital budget for this 2005/06 and £400,000 to the budget for 2006/07.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the addition to the capital programme of £785,000 externally funded capital expenditure for the Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods initiative:-

£385,000 to be added to the programme for 2005/06.

£400,000 to the programme for 2006/07.

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12. Stratford Park and Ride

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

This report is to inform Cabinet of a £181,000 increase in the costs for the Stratford-upon-Avon Park and Ride facility.

Recommendation

- (1) That the estimated cost of the Stratford Park and Ride facility in the 2005-06 capital programme be increased from £4.144m to £4.325m.
- (2) That the extra funding required of £181,000 be met from the Integrated Transport Block.

For further information please contact: Peter Barnett, Senior Transport Planner

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13. Any Other Items

To consider any other items that the Chair decides are urgent.

PART C - EXEMPT ITEMS (PURPLE PAPERS)

14. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

To consider passing the following resolution:

'That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7,8, 9 and 10 of the Local Government Act 1972'.

(NB. Copies of extracts describing exempt information are available in Warwickshire Libraries, the County Council Handbook and the Access to Information Register held in my office).

15. **Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2005 and Matters Arising.**
16. **Approval to Consult on a New Arrangement for Mental Health, NHS Learning Disability and Substance Misuse Services in Warwickshire**

The report of the Director of Social Care & Health.

This report seeks approval from Cabinet to support the Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authority to obtain from the Secretary of State, agreement to consult on proposed changes to the delivery of services that support adults and children who have mental health problems, a learning disability or drug and alcohol addictions.

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to:

- (1) Support the Primary Care Trusts and the Strategic Health Authority in seeking approval from the Secretary of Health to consult locally on proposed changes to the configuration of the delivery of services that support adults and children who have mental health problems, a learning disability or drug or alcohol addictions. The proposals are laid down in Appendix One.
- (2) Refer the report to the Mental Health Panel and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

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17. **Kingsbury Water Park – Proposed Outdoor Education Centre**

The joint report of the County Education Officer and the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

Local member - Cllr Joan Lea.

The report seeks support for the development of an Outdoor Education Centre at Kingsbury Water Park including the authorisation of negotiations and consideration of the earmarking of capital receipts.

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18. Rugby: Harris School

The report of the Acting Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor John Vereker.

Report to provide an update of the Cabinet Report dated 1 April 2004 and to request approval for surplus land at Harris High to be sold to enable a new Sports Hall to be constructed. Approval is also requested for advance funding of the design works for the new Sports Hall.

For further information please contact: Huw Thomas, Senior Project Manager
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19. Stratford-upon-Avon: Suite 1, Arden Court, Arden Street - Lease

The report of the Acting Director of Property Services.

Local member – Councillors Richard Hyde and Mike Perry.

Approval is sought for the acquisition of office accommodation at Arden Court Stratford on terms acceptable to the Acting Director of Property Services and the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

For further information please contact: Ian Dawson, Senior Estates Surveyor. Tel: 01926 412368, e-mail ilandawson@warwickshire.gov.uk

20. Atherstone: Warwick House - Rent Revision

The report of the Acting Director of Property Services.

Local member - Councillor Anne Forwood.

Approval is sought to a revised rent with effect from 5 May 2004 for the first and second floor offices at Warwick House, Atherstone.

For further information please contact: Ian Dawson, Senior Estates Surveyor
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21. Street Column Advertising

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy.

The report recommends the award of a seven year contract for maintenance, installation and advertising on up to 225 street columns in Warwickshire to generate a new source of revenue.

For further information please contact Andrew Savage, County Highways Network. Tel. 01926 736542, e-mail andrewsavage@warwickshire.gov.uk

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The reports are available in large print if
requested.